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In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Asad M. Nawaz
A.T. Yaung	)	
Serial No.: 09/918,181	)	
Filed: July 30, 2001	)	Art Unit: 2155
For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND	)	
PROGRAM FOR SELECTING	)	
ONE USER TO ASSIGN A	)	
WORK ITEM IN A WORKFLOW	)	

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A. Non-English Language References

- ☐ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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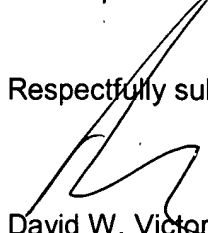
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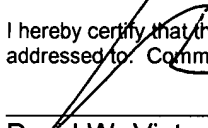
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